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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 7-10 have been amended and new claims 11-14 have been added as follows:

7. (Amended) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim[s] 5 [and 6], wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided integrally onto the piston and inserted into an annular recess on the frame; a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer
5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

8. (Amended) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim[s] 5 [and 6], wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided integrally onto the frame and inserted into an annular recess on the piston; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the
5 outer circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

9. (Amended) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim[s] 5 [and 6], wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided independently and inserted into an annular recess on the frame; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer
5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

10. (Amended) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim[s] 5 [and 6], wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring

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provided independently and inserted into an annular recess on the piston; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer
5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

11. (New) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided integrally onto the piston and inserted into an annular recess on the frame; a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer circumferences of
5 the corresponding annular ring and recess.

12. (New) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided integrally onto the frame and inserted into an annular recess on the piston; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer
5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

13. (New) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided independently and inserted into an annular recess on the frame; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer
5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.

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14. (New) An axial compliant means for a scroll machine as claimed in Claim 6, wherein, the annular recess being formed by an annular ring provided independently and inserted into an annular recess on the piston; and a sealing element being each provided sealing respectively the inner and the outer
- 5 circumferences of the corresponding annular ring and recess.